a magnet. Worship is not a mere' accomplishment but the
food and drink of human nature. It is an instinct put there
by the hand of God. The world is, as it were, a suburb,-an
out-station of the City of God. " The Heavens declare the
glory of God and the Firmament showeth His handi-work."
One arid all of the objects in nature, from the tiniest to the
most majestic, sing, tc The hand that made us is Divine."
It is these foot-prints of the Deity on creation that guide the
pilgrim to the Celestial City. They are the altar-stairs that
slope from earth to heaven ; and only there, man ascends to
the foot-stool of God. Such is the ascent from the concrete
to the abstract or rather from the effects to the Prime Cause ;
from nature to nature's Spirit God. Every leaf in the green
foliage of trees, is a record of God's wisdom. Not only does
every philomel tell the beads of His praise, but also every
thorn is a tapering finger to point out the glory of God.
God being a Spirit, then by acts of the spirit alone can
He be approached and worshipped ; by, an earnest intentness
Of our highest faculties,—the truthful and loving surrender of
the soul. Be it in speech or in silence, in the chancel or

in the street, in daily duty or in special rite, the conscious
devotion of our best powers to His Divine appointments
makes us His. Forms and words, postures and sacraments
stand in no relation to Him. As mere approaches to Him
are simply nothing. The truth that God is a Spirit as
proclaimed by the Rishis, when properly understood, becomes
one of the most comprehensive and fertile revelations of His
nature. With Him every tSlpg is subordinated to spiritual
tends. 'His power is at ;[i:]tKe[l]4(^,isp^sal.,Qf His thought; His
thought is directed by His 3§ove; His Love-is in harmony
'with his moral perfection. He is sovereign over His Will
and actions, but always according to the eternal rule of right
and wrong which is Himself. He yet rules all things with an
equal hand. He controls,: ^dipts, J balancer *mgLt^rial things
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